

**COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE  
MINUTES  
MAY 11, 2000**

**Attendees:**

Maj. Gen. Greg Gardner, Adjutant General  
Jerry Davis, Chairperson, Finney County Commission  
Capt. Tim Lockett, Kansas Highway Patrol  
Alt. Jim Janousek, Dept. of Commerce & Housing  
Alt. Mike Selves, Coordinator, Johnson County Emergency Management  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alt. Susan Barker, Dept. of Transportation  
Alt. Kevin Moles, Wolf Creek  
Jim Keating, State Fire Marshal's Office  
Karen Schuyler, FMC Plant Manager  
Dr. Michael Moser, Dept. of Health and Environment  
Dr. Lyle Noordhoek, Central Plains Laboratory  
Chief Dean Forester, Chief of Police, City of Topeka

**Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

Gary Miller, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Jim Keating, Fire Marshal's Office  
Charley Marlow, Kansas Emergency Management Association  
Alt. Julia Hanson, Kansas Division of Emergency Management

Members of public and support staff were in attendance

**Meeting:**

- Meeting Opened 10:00
- Following introductions and a review of the agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting held on February 11, 2000 were approved
- Committee Reports were presented:

Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team	Ida Kirmse
LEPC Appointment Subcommittee	Julia Hanson
Legislative Working Group	Gene Krase
- Old Business addressed:

Emergency Management Assistance Compact presented by Maj. Gen. Gardner
- New Business addressed:

After Action Review – SE Kansas Tornadoes presented by Maj. Gen. Gardner; followed by open discussion.

Topics introduced into meeting:

  - The use of Highway Patrol helicopters for counties to make initial damage assessments.

- Ability for counties to be able to conduct initial damage assessments versus waiting for the State to interact. This is currently a topic in KEMA. It was suggested that assessment courses be emphasized to Emergency Management Coordinators.
- KDHE roles with Emergency Management were discussed. KDHE is willing to review how KDHE integrates in with Emergency Management. e.g. Safety of water, food, feed, etc.
- Coordinate the integration of other State Agencies, as well.

Bioterrorism and Public Health Overview presented by Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino, State Epidemiologist; followed by open floor discussion:

Topics introduced:

- KDHE participation with Israelis. They have an emergency response plan for bioterrorism activities they drill/exercise with for the population.
- Anticipated bioterrorism activities in Kansas would be low-tech bioterrorism attempts.
- Credible plan for a potential or real release should be addressed at the same level.
- In the instance of an unusual event; how do we know if there is a problem? What training is going to be given to EM? How will it interface with Bioterrorism training?
- Recommendations for Counties to retrieve current information disseminated to the counties is to go the local public Health Department to address what is available and then to go to the State level. KDHE is developing an alert system that will integrate with the counties for the dissemination of information.
- Some Bioterrorism medical training is being published in Medical Journals.
- KDHE identified that Bioterrorism training 101, 102, and 103 is in the works for medical personnel, responders, etc. It will be introduced into nursing schools in the future.

### **Terrorism Working Group presented by Gene Krase**

- Maj. Gen. Gardner motioned to adjourn
- Meeting adjourned at 11:30